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Settlement.

Villages in which detailed economic enquiries were made regarding the resettlement of the Godavari and Kistna districts.

*455 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons why the Scheme Report for the resettlement of East and West Godavari and Kistna districts does not mention the names of the villages with reference to which detailed economic enquiries were made, the names of the villages selected for enquiry as to the sale and lease values of the land and also the names of the villages selected for enquiry into the indebtedness of the ryots; and

(b) whether the Government propose to publish the names of the villages in the respective cases mentioned in clause (a)?

A.—(a) The Government understand that the Settlement Officer did not consider the names of the villages relevant.

(b) The hon. Member is referred to the answers given to questions 27 and 28 on 3rd September 1928 and to question 116 on 4th September 1928. The names of the other 17 villages selected for economic enquiries have also been called for.

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu:—"With reference to clause (a), may I know from the Government whether any instruction has been issued by Government to the Settlement officer as to the lines on which the enquiry should proceed and the matters that are to be included in such enquiry?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I think, Sir, that was answered on a previous occasion. I remember having said that there were no specific instructions with regard to these particular resettlements, but that there are general instructions in the matter contained in the Settlement Manual."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda:—"May I know whether any notice was sent to the ryots or villagers to come and give evidence before the Settlement Officer on any particular date?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"If the hon. Member so wishes I shall communicate with and get the information from the Settlement Officer."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu:—"May I know whether there is any instruction at present that any particular kind and number of villages should be selected for enquiry?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"The instructions are general and date from 1915."

Mr. B. Venkataratnam put a question in Telugu.

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"Public enquiry, Sir. It is not possible for the Settlement Officer to make private enquiries."